National Geospatial Advisory Committee October 27-28, 2020 Webinar Meeting Summary

ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Adoption of June 2020 NGAC Minutes

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the minutes of the June 9-10, 2020 NGAC meeting.

FGDC Overview

ACTION: The FGDC is completing guidance to agencies for the Covered Agency and Lead Covered Agency annual reports required by the Geospatial Data Act (GDA). FGDC staff will keep the NGAC members apprised of the status of these processes.

NSDI Strategic Plan Session

DECISION: The NGAC approved a resolution endorsing the 2021-2024 NSDI Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan has also been submitted to the FGDC Steering Committee for final adoption.

Pandemic GIS Task Force & COVID-19 Technology Briefing

ACTION: NGAC and FGDC leadership will work with Pandemic GIS Task Force members to identify opportunities for collaboration between NGAC and Task Force related to the Task Force's identified actions/next steps.

GDA Report to Congress

ACTION: The FGDC is revising the draft GDA Report to Congress to address comments from NGAC members and FGDC agencies. FGDC staff will keep the NGAC members apprised of the status of the report.

ACTION: NGAC will designate a small group of members to coordinate with FGDC on establishing a process for providing NGAC comments on lead/covered agency annual reports regarding compliance with the GDA.

Landsat Advisory Group

DECISION: The NGAC approved the paper, "Landsat Data: Community Standard for Data Calibration" pending minor formatting changes.

ACTION: The LAG will continue working on the tasks outlined in the 2020 guidance provided by the USGS National Land Imaging Program:

- Task 2: Formulating a Big Data Science challenge for land imaging time-series data (target completion: December 2020)
- Task 3: Modernized interpretation of the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992 (target completion: December 2020)

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Public-Private Partnerships Subcommittee

ACTION: NGAC members should submit comments on the draft public-private partnerships recommendations paper and use cases by November 6, 2020.

ACTION: The subcommittee will provide NGAC members with a final draft version of the P3 recommendation paper and case studies prior to December 2020 NGAC meeting.

Cultural & Historical Geospatial Resources Subcommittee

ACTION: The subcommittee will continue to monitor progress on implementation of the recommendations included in the NGAC paper, "Protecting Federal Cultural and Historical Geospatial Resources."

NGAC Bylaws

DECISION: The NGAC approved a resolution adopting the revised NGAC bylaws, pending the addition of a version summary. The updated bylaws will be posted on the NGAC website.

Planning for 2021 NGAC Activities

ACTION: Based on the discussion this week, the NGAC Chair and Vice-Chair will develop short summaries for each of the potential future study topics and will reach out to NGAC members for additional insight.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NGAC is scheduled for December 9-10, 2020. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting.

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